## IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the specification in the "CROSS-REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS" section as follows:

This application is related to the following, all of which are assigned to the same assignee of this application.

Co-pending U.S. Application Serial No. 06/470,160 60/470,160 filed May 12, 2003 and entitled "Soft Handoff with Interference Cancellation in a Wireless Frequency Hopping Communication System."

Please replace paragraph [00028] as follows:

respective geographic area (e.g. 102a, 102b and 102c)102. The term "cell" can refer to a base station and/or its coverage area, depending on the context in which the term is used. To increase capacity, the coverage area of each base station may be partitioned into multiple sectors (e.g., three sectors 104a, 104b, and 104c). Each sector may be served by a corresponding base transceiver subsystem (BTS). The term "sector" can refer to a BTS and/or its coverage area, depending on the context in which the term is used. For a sectorized cell, the base station for that cell typically includes the BTSs for all of the sectors of that cell. The following description assumes that each cell is partitioned into multiple sectors. For simplicity, in the following description, the term "base station" is used generically for both a fixed station that serves a cell and a fixed station that serves a sector. The base stations for all sectors of the same cell are typically implemented within one physical base station for that cell.